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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The Beaverton Police Department will be participating in a national traffic safety campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers during the month of December. In November Beaverton Police Officers arrested 24 individuals for DUII. This brings the total DUII arrests to 327 for 2014. These are at least 327 possible lives that were saved, 327 possible crashes prevented and more than 327 families saved the grief that driving impaired can cause.

During this time the Beaverton Police Department will have additional officers on focused patrols looking for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and to educate the motoring public.

December holds the possibility for amazing memories with Christmas and New Year's. The Beaverton Police Department wants 2014 to end with wonderful memories and not the devastating memories that driving impaired can cause.

Please remember to designate a sober driver when attending holiday celebrations.

Call a cab or a friend before you get behind the wheel impaired.

If you are hosting a party, make sure that your guests know they can stay if they have had too much to drink or get them a cab.

Do not get into a vehicle with someone who is impaired. Often the passengers of an impaired driver are the ones who die in the crash.

Impaired driving is not an accident; it is an intentional and willing act that you have control over. Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse.

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